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1. EMBASSY HAD UNQUIRY THIS WEEK FROM PDO OFFICIAL ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING BETWEEN ABU DHABI AND SAG ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR BORDER SETTLEMENT ANNOUNCED IN FALL OF 1974. SEEMS IT IS PDO'S IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS A REAL QUESTION WHETHER THAT WIDELY-HERALDED AGREEMENT CAN BE REGARDED AS VALID. PDO HEARS OF CONTINUING DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WITHIN THE ABU DHABI AND SAUDI LEADERSHIP ECHELONS (PARTICULARLY THE FORMER) ON THIS SUBJECT, AND WONDERS IF SHAYKH ZAYYID EVER SIGNED THE NECESSARY FINAL DOCUMENT. WE RESPONDED THAT TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE BOTH ABU DHABI AND SAG CONSIDER THEY HAVE INDEED AGREED ON HOW TO RESOLVE BORDER ISSUES, ALTHOUGH IN TIME-HONORED ARADSAN PENINSULA FASHION THERE MAY HAVE BEEN LITTLE IF ANY FOLLOW-THROUGH SO FAR SUCH AS DEMARCATION OR OTHER PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD SET THE AGREEMENT IN CONCRETE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE FROM DEPT AND/OR INFO ADDRESSEES REGARDING CURRENT STATUS OF THIS MATTER.

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3. FYI, AS TO OMANI-SAUDI BORDER QUESTION, WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT LITTLE IF ANYTHING HAS DEVELOPED SINCE INCONCLUSIVE

DISCUSSIONS OF LAST WINTER (75 MUSCAT 412), THOUGH WE HAVE NOT
MADE RECENT SPECIFIC INQUIRIES ON THIS SUBJECT.
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